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THE LOUISIANA ECONOMIC SITUATION

Total nonagricultural employment in Louisiana during January was estimated at 1,611,600, a decrease of 11,200 employees from the December revised level, but 67,500 above the January, 1990 figure.

Goods producing employment estimated at 333,400, was 2,700 below the December figure. Mining employment remained stable over the month. Construction employment was lower in each segment of the industry. Less business in the transportation equipment, and food and kindred products segments were mainly responsible for the drop in manufacturing employment.

Service producing employment was estimated at 1,278,200 for January, a decrease of 8,500 from the December estimate. Transportation, communications, and public utilities decreased due to less business in air transportation. Seasonal decreases in retail trade accounted for the downturn in trade employment. Decreased employment in banking was mainly responsible for the drop in finance, insurance, and real estate. Among the segments most instrumental in the lower payroll level exhibited for services in January were business services, educational services, and hotels and other lodging places. Government employment was higher as a result of increases in state and local government.

Average weekly earnings of Louisiana's 133,600 production workers in manufacturing increased from $508.34 in December to $510.07 in January, an increase of $1.73, and an increase of $13.85 from January of last year. Average hourly earnings were four cents higher in January than last month, and $0.32 higher than January a year ago. Average weekly hours for January were unchanged from the December revised figure of 43.3.

The January preliminary unemployment rate for Louisiana was 7.0 percent, up slightly from the December revised rate of 6.2 percent. This relatively insignificant increase is due primarily to seasonal factors.

The comparable national unemployment rate for January was also 7.0 percent. This is the first time since April, 1982 that the Louisiana unemployment rate has not exceeded the national rate. The national unemployment rate for December was 5.9 percent.

The average unemployment rate for the last three months (November, December, January) was 6.4 percent compared to 6.6 percent for the same period last year.

Total unemployment increased to 130,200. This increase may be attributed to seasonal workers who were laid off after the holiday season. Also, some of the increase is among those workers whose normal occupations are heavily influenced by such factors as weather conditions. There was an increase in unemployment insurance claims which is normal at this time of the year.

The state's civilian labor force decreased to 1,870,600 with a decrease in total employment to 1,740,400.

LOUISIANA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Jan. 1991*	Dec. 1990**	Jan. 1990**	Net Change from Dec. 1990	Net Change from Jan. 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1611.6	1622.8	1544.1	-11.2	+67.5
GOODS PRODUCING	333.4	336.1	317.4	- 2.7	+16.0
MINING	56.0	56.0	54.2	0	+ 1.8
Oil and Gas Extraction	54.2	54.2	52.4	0	+ 1.8
Nonmetallic Minerals	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	- 0
CONSTRUCTION	93.1	93.9	86.5	- 0.8	+ 6.6
General Contractors	18.5	18.7	17.4	- 0.2	+ 1.1
Heavy Construction Ex. Bldg.	37.5	37.9	33.4	- 0.4	+ 4.1
Special Trade Contractors	37.1	37.3	35.7	- 0.2	+ 1.4
MANUFACTURING	184.3	186.2	176.7	- 1.9	+ 7.6
Durable Goods	82.3	83.3	78.5	- 1.0	+ 3.8
Lumber and Wood Products	12.2	12.4	12.3	- 0.2	- 0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	5.2	5.4	5.4	- 0.2	- 0.2
Primary Metal Industries	3.0	3.1	3.0	- 0.1	0
Fabricated Metal Products	14.6	14.5	13.5	+ 0.1	+ 1.1
Machinery, Except Electrical	11.9	11.9	11.2	0	+ 0.7
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	6.6	6.7	6.6	- 0.1	0
Transportation Equipment	25.2	25.7	22.9	- 0.5	+ 2.3
Other Durable Goods (1)	3.6	3.6	3.6	0	0
Nondurable Goods	102.0	102.9	98.2	- 0.9	+ 3.8
Food & Kindred Products	21.0	22.1	18.9	- 1.1	+ 2.1
Apparel & Other Textile Products	10.6	10.5	10.9	+ 0.1	- 0.3
Paper & Allied Products	12.2	12.2	12.0	0	+ 0.2
Printing & Publishing	10.1	10.1	9.8	0	+ 0.3
Chemicals & Allied Products	29.9	29.7	28.8	+ 0.2	+ 1.1
Inorganic Chemicals	6.0	5.9	5.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Organic Chemicals	11.0	11.0	10.6	0	+ 0.4
Petroleum and Coal Products	11.5	11.5	11.3	0	+ 0.2
Petroleum Refining	10.6	10.6	10.4	0	+ 0.2
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	6.7	6.8	6.5	- 0.1	+ 0.2
SERVICE PRODUCING	1278.2	1286.7	1226.7	- 8.5	+51.5
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	110.2	110.8	109.4	- 0.6	+ 0.8
Railroad Transportation	4.7	4.8	4.9	- 0.1	- 0.2
Transportation, ex. Railroads	66.2	66.6	64.7	- 0.4	+ 1.5
Water Transportation	27.1	26.9	26.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
Communication & Public Utilities	39.3	39.4	39.8	- 0.1	- 0.5
Comm. Ex. US Postal Service	16.9	16.9	17.3	0	- 0.4
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	22.4	22.5	22.5	- 0.1	- 0.1

LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Jan. 1991*	Dec. 1990**	Jan. 1990**	Net Change from Dec. 1990	Net Change from Jan. 1990
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	375.5	382.1	360.6	- 6.6	+14.9
Wholesale Trade	86.6	86.2	83.2	+ 0.4	+ 3.4
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	47.1	47.3	46.1	- 0.2	+ 1.0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	39.5	38.9	37.1	+ 0.6	+ 2.4
Retail Trade	288.9	295.9	277.4	- 7.0	+11.5
Bldg. Mat'ls. & Garden Supplies	9.8	10.0	9.1	- 0.2	+ 0.7
General Merchandise	40.0	44.0	41.9	- 4.0	- 1.9
Food Stores	56.8	57.4	54.5	- 0.6	+ 2.3
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	30.7	31.0	29.7	- 0.3	+ 1.0
Apparel and Accessory	16.9	17.8	16.5	- 0.9	+ 0.4
Furniture and Equipment	9.6	9.6	9.2	0	+ 0.4
Eating and Drinking Places	92.3	92.6	86.3	- 0.3	+ 6.0
Other Retail Trade	32.8	33.5	30.2	- 0.7	+ 2.6
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	78.8	78.9	78.5	- 0.1	+ 0.3
Banking	29.5	29.6	29.6	- 0.1	- 0.1
Insurance	26.7	26.7	26.3	0	+ 0.4
SERVICES	378.8	380.6	360.3	- 1.8	+18.5
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	21.7	22.3	21.5	- 0.6	+ 0.2
Personal Services	13.8	13.8	14.0	0	- 0.2
Business Services	63.3	64.0	60.3	- 0.7	+ 3.0
Auto Repair, Services & Garages	11.7	11.7	11.0	0	+ 0.7
Miscellaneous Repair Services	7.8	7.8	7.4	0	+ 0.4
Amusement & Recreation Services	11.9	11.9	10.3	0	+ 1.6
Health Services	118.7	118.8	112.6	- 0.1	+ 6.1
Hospitals	52.7	52.7	49.7	0	+ 3.0
Legal Services	16.3	16.2	15.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.6
Educational Services	26.3	26.7	25.3	- 0.4	+ 1.0
Social Services	22.2	22.3	20.7	- 0.1	+ 1.5
Membership Organizations	26.7	26.6	25.6	+ 0.1	+ 1.1
Eng., Acct. and Related Services	28.8	28.5	27.4	+ 0.3	+ 1.4
Miscellaneous Services	5.1	5.2	4.5	- 0.1	+ 0.6
GOVERNMENT	334.9	334.3	317.9	+ 0.6	+17.0
Federal	37.9	37.9	37.6	0	+ 0.3
State and Local	297.0	296.4	280.3	+ 0.6	+16.7
State	104.6	104.3	93.1	+ 0.3	+11.5
Local	192.4	192.1	187.2	+ 0.3	+ 5.2

* Preliminary **Revised
(1) Includes furniture and fixtures, professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries.
(2) Includes Leather, Rubber and Textile products.

All estimates of Nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and include all full-time and part-time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Jan. '91*	Dec. '90**	Jan. '90**	Jan. '91*	Dec. '90**	Jan. '90**	Jan. '91*	Dec. '90**	Jan. '90**
ALL MANUFACTURING (1)	$510.07	$508.34	$496.22	43.3	43.3	43.3	$11.78	$11.74	$11.46
Durable Goods	462.24	472.85	431.10	42.8	43.5	42.1	10.80	10.87	10.24
Lumber & Wood Products	383.72	389.33	375.78	42.4	43.5	41.8	9.05	8.95	8.99
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	387.76	424.92	396.41	37.0	41.7	39.8	10.48	10.19	9.96
Fabricated Metal Products	447.67	460.01	437.00	44.5	45.5	43.7	10.06	10.11	10.00
Machinery, ex. Electrical	459.52	444.06	411.32	44.7	44.9	45.2	10.28	9.89	9.10
Electric & Electronic Equip.	716.68	793.76	619.32	46.0	45.1	42.8	15.58	17.60	14.47
Transportation Equipment	489.05	482.51	432.19	42.6	42.4	41.2	11.48	11.38	10.49
Nondurable Goods	552.81	541.30	553.67	43.7	43.2	44.4	12.65	12.53	12.47
Food & Kindred Products	323.21	349.24	325.43	40.1	43.6	42.1	8.06	8.01	7.73
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	223.65	164.16	208.66	37.4	30.4	37.8	5.98	5.40	5.52
Paper & Allied Products	613.43	641.79	628.38	44.1	44.6	45.8	13.91	14.39	13.72
Printing & Publishing	428.65	411.72	415.88	39.8	39.1	37.5	10.77	10.53	11.09
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	766.32	779.01	773.93	46.5	46.9	48.1	16.48	16.61	16.09
Petroleum & Coal Products	931.46	794.97	886.78	52.3	46.3	50.5	17.81	17.17	17.56
Petroleum Refining	950.93	805.27	911.37	52.8	46.2	51.0	18.01	17.43	17.87
MINING	615.12	624.51	599.88	46.6	48.6	49.7	13.20	12.85	12.07
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	557.61	546.55	525.37	43.7	42.5	42.3	12.76	12.86	12.42
BANKING	283.68	273.40	290.21	39.4	36.6	39.7	7.20	7.47	7.31

(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 133,600 full-and part-time workers in manufacturing and 94,400 nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

BATON ROUGE AREA

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Jan. '91*	Dec. '90**	Jan. '90**	Jan. '91*	Dec. '90**	Jan. '90**	Jan. '91*	Dec. '90**	Jan. '90**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$606.91	$621.35	$633.33	43.6	46.3	45.4	$13.92	$13.42	$13.95
Chemicals and Petro Products	823.64	826.27	864.50	47.2	49.3	50.0	17.45	16.76	17.29

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 15,000 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

NEW ORLEANS AREA

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

All MANUFACTURING	$471.23	$467.99	$468.85	42.8	42.7	42.7	$11.01	$10.96	$10.98
Durable Goods	416.30	412.98	405.57	41.3	41.8	41.3	10.08	9.88	9.82
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	350.23	380.72	407.58	37.7	41.7	42.5	9.29	9.13	9.59
Fabricated Metal Products	396.14	420.84	369.70	39.3	42.0	41.4	10.08	10.02	8.93
Ship & Boatbuilding and Repairing	387.92	389.90	379.76	41.4	41.7	40.4	9.37	9.35	9.40
Nondurable Goods	531.47	526.69	538.69	44.4	43.6	44.3	11.97	12.08	12.16
Food & Kindred Products	371.95	377.47	351.96	43.2	42.7	41.9	8.61	8.84	8.40
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	262.26	221.68	208.50	41.3	35.3	37.1	6.35	6.28	5.62
Printing & Publishing	435.53	392.08	390.40	44.9	41.8	38.2	9.70	9.38	10.22
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	758.69	779.51	798.18	47.3	47.1	50.2	16.04	16.55	15.90

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 31,500 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

SHREVEPORT AREA

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

All MANUFACTURING	$551.24	$568.58	$452.92	42.6	42.4	41.1	$12.94	$13.41	$11.02
Lumber and Wood Products	273.39	316.80	315.86	37.4	40.0	42.8	7.31	7.92	7.38
Food and Kindred Products	267.72	292.80	369.56	34.5	36.6	41.2	7.76	8.00	8.97
Printing and Publishing	335.74	359.16	379.86	34.4	36.5	38.1	9.76	9.84	9.97
Chemicals & Allied Products	589.79	593.48	607.02	41.1	41.3	45.3	14.35	14.37	13.40

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 13,200 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

(in thousands)	PRELIMINARY JANUARY, 1991 Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	REVISED DECEMBER, 1990 Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	REVISED JANUARY, 1990 Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
LOUISIANA	1870.6	1740.4	130.2	7.0	1885.1	1768.5	116.6	6.2	1802.3	1687.0	115.3	6.4
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS:												
Alexandria 1/	57.5	53.1	4.4	7.6	57.7	54.2	3.5	6.1	56.2	52.7	3.5	6.2
Baton Rouge 2/	266.9	250.9	16.0	6.0	269.1	254.7	14.4	5.3	258.4	245.5	12.9	5.0
Houma - Thibodaux 3/	68.8	64.3	4.5	6.5	70.6	66.2	4.4	6.3	65.3	61.4	3.9	6.0
Lafayette 4/	105.0	99.4	5.6	5.3	107.0	102.3	4.7	4.4	97.5	92.5	5.0	5.1
Lake Charles 5/	76.4	71.0	5.4	7.1	77.2	72.1	5.1	6.6	73.6	68.9	4.7	6.3
Monroe 6/	67.9	63.1	4.8	7.1	69.3	64.8	4.5	6.5	65.9	62.2	3.7	5.7
New Orleans 7/	573.2	542.1	31.1	5.4	581.8	551.6	30.2	5.2	558.5	528.1	30.4	5.4
Shreveport 8/	152.6	141.7	10.9	7.2	154.9	143.7	11.2	7.2	150.1	137.0	13.1	8.7

1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes Lafourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette and St. Martin parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany , St. Charles and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier and Caddo parishes.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Consumer Price Index, sometimes called the "Cost of Living Index", is a monthly measure of the average change in prices in a fixed quantity of goods and services.

All Urban Consumers	Index	%Change from Prior Month	% Change from Prior Year
January 1990	127.4		
January 1991	134.6	+ 0.6	+ 5.7

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, OTHER AREAS

AREA	PRELIMINARY JANUARY 91 LABOR FORCE	EMPL	UNEMP	RATE	REVISED DECEMBER 90 LABOR FORCE	EMPL	UNEMP	RATE
CROWLEY (ACADIA)	21,275	19,750	1,525	7.2	21,100	19,700	1,400	6.6
OAKDALE (ALLEN)	9,025	8,025	1,000	11.1	9,250	8,325	925	10.1
NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION)	6,500	5,575	925	14.4	6,575	5,775	800	12.1
BUNKIE (AVOYELLES)	16,200	13,950	2,250	13.9	15,625	14,000	1,625	10.4
DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD)	13,275	12,325	950	7.1	13,325	12,475	850	6.3
ARCADIA (BIENVILLE)	6,775	6,175	600	9.0	6,700	6,125	575	8.5
COLUMBIA (CALDWELL)	4,225	3,750	475	11.3	4,175	3,825	350	8.4
CAMERON (CAMERON)	4,500	4,275	225	4.8	4,475	4,275	200	4.4
JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA)	3,525	2,925	600	16.9	3,325	2,950	375	11.1
HOMER (CLAIBORNE)	7,300	6,800	500	7.0	7,150	6,725	425	5.8
FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA)	9,350	7,775	1,575	16.8	8,875	7,825	1,050	11.9
MANSFIELD (DESOTO)	11,125	10,050	1,075	9.6	11,100	10,150	950	8.6
LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL)	3,325	2,725	600	18.2	3,200	2,725	475	14.8
CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA)	6,850	6,375	475	7.0	6,900	6,525	375	5.4
VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE)	13,600	12,550	1,050	7.6	13,575	12,550	1,025	7.5
WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN)	8,750	7,625	1,125	12.7	8,475	7,675	800	9.5
COLFAX (GRANT)	7,225	6,500	725	10.0	7,150	6,575	575	8.0
NEW IBERIA (IBERIA)	26,700	24,775	1,925	7.2	26,625	25,225	1,400	5.3
PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE)	11,250	10,025	1,225	10.8	11,125	10,125	1,000	9.1
JONESBORO (JACKSON)	5,950	5,550	400	6.8	5,975	5,625	350	5.8
JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS)	11,150	10,100	1,050	9.5	10,875	10,125	750	7.0
JENA (LASALLE)	5,975	5,375	600	9.9	5,775	5,400	375	6.3
RUSTON (LINCOLN)	18,075	17,300	775	4.2	17,900	17,300	600	3.4
TALLULAH (MADISON)	5,325	4,600	725	13.6	5,200	4,625	575	10.9
BASTROP (MOREHOUSE)	12,800	11,300	1,500	11.6	12,575	11,375	1,200	9.5
NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES)	15,200	13,725	1,475	9.7	14,900	13,825	1,075	7.2
POINT-A-LA-HACHE (PLAQUM.)	8,550	7,925	625	7.3	8,575	8,000	575	6.6
NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE)	6,900	5,900	1,000	14.6	6,900	6,025	875	12.6
COUSHATTA (RED RIVER)	4,000	3,475	525	13.0	3,800	3,525	275	7.5
RAYVILLE (RICHLAND)	7,850	6,725	1,125	14.4	7,875	6,975	900	11.4
MANY (SABINE)	9,925	9,275	650	6.5	9,725	9,250	475	4.9
GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA)	2,525	2,275	250	9.6	2,500	2,300	200	7.8
LUTCHER (ST. JAMES)	9,625	8,750	875	9.0	9,750	8,875	875	8.8
OPELOUSAS (ST. LANDRY)	30,450	27,350	3,100	10.2	30,050	27,500	2,550	8.5
MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY)	23,975	22,125	1,850	7.7	23,875	22,400	1,475	6.2
HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA)	36,700	33,475	3,225	8.8	36,800	33,775	3,025	8.2
ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS)	2,250	1,950	300	13.6	2,225	1,975	250	10.6
FARMERVILLE (UNION)	8,225	7,500	725	8.8	8,100	7,525	575	7.2
ABBEVILLE (VERMILION)	17,650	16,125	1,525	8.7	17,475	16,300	1,175	6.8
LEESVILLE (VERNON)	18,475	17,200	1,275	6.9	18,325	17,275	1,050	5.8
BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON)	17,325	15,725	1,600	9.2	17,225	15,800	1,425	8.3
MINDEN (WEBSTER)	18,250	16,525	1,725	9.4	18,350	16,750	1,600	8.7
OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL)	4,450	3,450	1,000	22.5	4,325	3,650	675	15.6
ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.)	4,000	3,650	350	8.8	3,900	3,675	225	6.0
WINNFIELD (WINN)	5,925	5,500	425	7.2	5,800	5,500	300	5.3

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESES.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES ARE COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

ALEXANDRIA AREA
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TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	46.4	46.7	45.9	- 0.3	+ 0.5
GOODS PRODUCING	6.2	6.4	6.4	- 0.2	- 0.2
MINING	0.1	0.1	0.1	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.9	3.1	2.8	- 0.2	+ 0.1
MANUFACTURING	3.2	3.2	3.5	0	- 0.3
Durable Goods	1.8	1.8	2.1	0	- 0.3
Nondurable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.4	0	0
SERVICE PRODUCING	40.2	40.3	39.5	- 0.1	+ 0.7
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	10.6	10.7	10.5	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade	1.9	1.9	1.9	0	0
Retail Trade	8.7	8.8	8.6	- 0.1	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS., & REAL ESTATE	2.1	2.1	2.2	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	12.3	12.3	11.7	0	+ 0.6
Health Services	5.3	5.3	5.1	0	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	12.9	12.9	12.8	0	+ 0.1
Federal	2.9	2.9	2.9	0	0
State and Local	10.0	10.0	9.9	0	+ 0.1
State	4.5	4.5	4.4	0	+ 0.1
Local	5.5	5.5	5.5	0	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria MSA was estimated at 46,400 for the current month. This estimate was 300 less than last month, and 500 more than January, 1990.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 6,200 for January. This estimate was 200 less than last month, as a result of a decrease in the construction industry. Compared to January of last year, this figure declined by 200, with the largest decline centered in durable goods.

Service producing employment for the current month was estimated at 40,200. This estimate was 100 less than December as a result of a decrease in retail trade. Compared to January of last year, service producing employment increased by 700, with the largest increase centered in the services sector.

BATON ROUGE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Jan. 1991*	Dec. 1990**	Jan. 1990**	Net Change From Dec. 1990	Net Change From Jan. 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	235.7	238.2	229.2	- 2.5	+ 6.5
GOODS PRODUCING	50.9	50.7	50.9	+ 0.2	0
MINING	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	26.9	26.8	28.4	+ 0.1	- 1.5
MANUFACTURING	23.2	23.1	21.7	+ 0.1	+ 1.5
Durable Goods	5.7	5.6	5.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Nondurable Goods	17.5	17.5	16.5	0	+ 1.0
Food & Kindred Products	2.1	2.1	1.7	0	+ 0.4
Printing & Publishing	1.5	1.5	1.4	0	+ 0.1
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	12.2	12.2	11.7	0	+ 0.5
Other Nondurable Goods	1.7	1.7	1.7	0	0
SERVICE PRODUCING	184.8	187.5	178.3	- 2.7	+ 6.5
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	11.3	11.2	10.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	54.1	54.8	52.1	- 0.7	+ 2.0
Wholesale Trade	12.5	12.5	12.5	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	8.7	8.7	8.7	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	3.8	3.8	3.8	0	0
Retail Trade	41.6	42.3	39.6	- 0.7	+ 2.0
General Merchandise	6.7	7.3	6.9	- 0.6	- 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	13.0	13.0	12.8	0	+ 0.2
Banking	4.1	4.1	4.2	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	54.5	54.5	51.4	0	+ 3.1
GOVERNMENT	51.9	54.0	51.2	- 2.1	+ 0.7
Federal	2.5	2.5	2.4	0	+ 0.1
State and Local	49.4	51.5	48.8	- 2.1	+ 0.6
State	26.8	29.0	26.4	- 2.2	+ 0.4
Local	22.6	22.5	22.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.2

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Baton Rouge MSA fell 2,500 to a level of 235,700 in January. The decline was centered in the service producing sector, due to seasonal factors. Compared to the year-ago level, employment increased 6,500.

Employment in the goods producing sector rose to a level of 50,900. More business in nonresidential and heavy construction, and durable goods manufacturing accounted for the increase in January. Mining employment remained unchanged at 800.

Employment in the service producing sector, affected by seasonal losses, declined 2,700 to a level of 184,800. Most of this drop occurred in government, which typically experiences seasonal nonfaculty cutbacks at state colleges and universities. With the holiday shopping season coming to a close, most retail stores began laying off temporary help, causing trade to drop 700 in January. Employment in the services industry remained at 54,500. Transportation, communications, and public utilities increased 100, due to seasonal activity in water transportation.

Average weekly earnings of the Baton Rouge MSA's 15,000 production workers in all manufacturing was $606.91 for January, a decrease of $14.44 from the December average. Compared to the prior year, weekly earnings were down $26.42. Average weekly hours at 43.6, declined 2.7 hours, while average hourly earnings at $13.92, increased by $0.50 per hour. A shorter workweek contributed to these changes.

The total civilian labor force for the Baton Rouge MSA declined to 266,900 in January. Total employment decreased to 250,900, while unemployment rose to 16,000. The unemployment rate for the MSA was 6.0 percent.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 1,928 individuals with new or renewal applications. A total of 2,282 referrals to current openings resulted in 118 placements during the month of January.

HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Jan. 1991*	Dec. 1990**	Jan. 1990**	Net Change From Dec. 1990	Net Change From Jan. 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	57.6	58.7	55.3	- 1.1	+ 2.3
GOODS PRODUCING	13.3	13.7	11.9	- 0.4	+ 1.4
MINING	5.6	5.7	5.4	- 0.1	+ 0.2
CONSTRUCTION	2.0	2.0	1.7	0	+ 0.3
MANUFACTURING	5.7	6.0	4.8	- 0.3	+ 0.9
Durable Goods	4.2	4.2	3.3	0	+ 0.9
Nondurable Goods	1.5	1.8	1.5	- 0.3	0
SERVICE PRODUCING	44.3	45.0	43.4	- 0.7	+ 0.9
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	6.5	6.6	6.6	- 0.1	- 0.1
Water Transportation	4.0	4.1	4.2	- 0.1	- 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.5	14.7	14.0	- 0.2	+ 0.5
Wholesale Trade	3.0	2.9	2.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	11.5	11.8	11.1	- 0.3	+ 0.4
General Mdse. & App. & Acc.	2.3	2.4	2.2	- 0.1	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.1	2.1	2.1	0	0
SERVICES	10.8	10.8	10.3	0	+ 0.5
GOVERNMENT	10.4	10.8	10.4	- 0.4	0
Federal	0.4	0.4	0.5	0	- 0.1
State and Local	10.0	10.4	9.9	- 0.4	+ 0.1
State	2.6	3.0	2.5	- 0.4	+ 0.1
Local	7.4	7.4	7.4	0	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma-Thibodaux MSA moved down to 57,600, a level 1,100 below December. The total decrease was spread through several industries and was largely seasonal in nature.

Goods producing employment decreased to 13,300, down 400 from December, but was 1,400 above the January, 1990 figure. Mining exhibited a normal seasonal downturn as winter weather conditions hampered outside work. The nondurable goods segment of manufacturing experienced losses due to seasonal decreases in seafood and sugar processing. Construction remained unchanged.

Service producing employment showed an overall reduction of 700. Water transportation tapered off. Retail trade decreased as stores made downward adjustments following the holiday season. More favorably, wholesale trade eked out a small gain. State education employment moved down due to the semester break at the universities.

Estimated unemployment was 4,500 in January. Unemployment presently comprises 6.5 percent of the civilian labor force for the Houma-Thibodaux MSA. Recipients of regular unemployment benefits totaled 906.

LAFAYETTE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Jan. 1991*	Dec. 1990**	Jan. 1990**	Net Change From Dec. 1990	Net Change From Jan. 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	98.2	100.3	91.4	- 2.1	+ 6.8
GOODS PRODUCING	26.6	27.2	23.8	- 0.6	+ 2.8
MINING	13.2	13.3	11.8	- 0.1	+ 1.4
CONSTRUCTION	4.4	4.6	3.7	- 0.2	+ 0.7
MANUFACTURING	9.0	9.3	8.3	- 0.3	+ 0.7
Durable Goods	2.7	2.7	2.4	0	+ 0.3
Nondurable Goods	6.3	6.6	5.9	- 0.3	+ 0.4
SERVICE PRODUCING	71.6	73.1	67.6	- 1.5	+ 4.0
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	7.3	7.3	6.8	0	+ 0.5
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	25.7	26.2	23.9	- 0.5	+ 1.8
Wholesale Trade	6.1	6.2	5.7	- 0.1	+ 0.4
Retail Trade	19.6	20.0	18.2	- 0.4	+ 1.4
General Merchandise	2.6	2.8	2.8	- 0.2	- 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	3.3	3.4	3.3	- 0.1	0
Banking	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
SERVICES	22.0	22.5	20.9	- 0.5	+ 1.1
GOVERNMENT	13.3	13.7	12.7	- 0.4	+ 0.6
Federal	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
State and Local	12.3	12.7	11.7	- 0.4	+ 0.6
State	4.5	5.0	4.2	- 0.5	+ 0.3
Local	7.8	7.7	7.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.3

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lafayette MSA was estimated at 98,200, a decrease of 2,100 from the December, 1990 revised estimate of 100,300.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 26,600 during January. This estimate was 600 below the December estimate due to declines in mining, construction, and manufacturing. The loss of 600 jobs was primarily due to poor weather and the sugar grinding season ending.

Service producing employment for January was estimated at 71,600, a decline of 1,500 from the December estimate. All segments of the service producing sector declined due primarily to the end of the Christmas season and the semester break at educational institutions in the MSA.

LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Jan. 1991*	Dec. 1990**	Jan. 1990**	Net Change From Dec. 1990	Net Change From Jan. 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	66.1	66.6	64.0	- 0.5	+ 2.1
GOODS PRODUCING	18.4	18.5	18.0	- 0.1	+ 0.4
MINING	1.3	1.4	1.3	- 0.1	0
CONSTRUCTION	5.6	5.7	4.8	- 0.1	+ 0.8
MANUFACTURING	11.5	11.4	11.9	+ 0.1	- 0.4
Durable Goods	2.7	2.8	3.2	- 0.1	- 0.5
Nondurable Goods	8.8	8.6	8.7	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Chemical & Petro Products	8.0	7.8	7.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	47.7	48.1	46.0	- 0.4	+ 1.7
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	4.2	4.3	4.0	- 0.1	+ 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	15.2	15.5	14.9	- 0.3	+ 0.3
Wholesale Trade	3.4	3.4	3.1	0	+ 0.3
Retail Trade	11.8	12.1	11.8	- 0.3	0
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.6	2.6	2.7	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	14.5	14.6	13.7	- 0.1	+ 0.8
GOVERNMENT	11.2	11.1	10.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	10.6	10.5	10.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
State	3.3	3.3	3.1	0	+ 0.2
Local	7.3	7.2	7.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.3

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lake Charles MSA was estimated at 66,100, a decline of 500 from the December, 1990 revised level.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 18,400 during January. This estimate was 100 below the December level. The decline in employment was the result of both mining and construction. Manufacturing showed a gain of 100.

Service producing employment dropped to 47,700, down 400 from the December, 1990 revised level of 48,100. Transportation, communications, and public utilities and services each had a minimal loss of 100. Trade was off by 300 due to the close of the holiday season. Government was the only sector to show an increase for the month, with the gain of 100 centered in local government.

MONROE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Jan. 1991*	Dec. 1990**	Jan. 1990**	Net Change From Dec. 1990	Net Change From Jan. 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	58.2	59.2	57.5	- 1.0	+ 0.7
GOODS PRODUCING	10.8	10.9	10.5	- 0.1	+ 0.3
MINING	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.7	2.7	2.6	0	+ 0.1
MANUFACTURING	7.7	7.8	7.5	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Durable Goods	1.9	2.0	2.0	- 0.1	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	5.8	5.8	5.5	0	+ 0.3
Food & Kindred Products	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	5.0	5.0	4.7	0	+ 0.3
SERVICE PRODUCING	47.4	48.3	47.0	- 0.9	+ 0.4
TRANSP. COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	3.0	3.1	3.3	- 0.1	- 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	15.2	15.4	14.8	- 0.2	+ 0.4
Wholesale Trade	3.8	3.8	3.7	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	11.4	11.6	11.1	- 0.2	+ 0.3
General Mdse. and Apprl. & Acc.	2.7	3.0	2.7	- 0.3	0
Eating & Drinking Places	3.3	3.3	3.2	0	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.4	4.3	4.4	+ 0.1	0
Banking	1.8	1.8	1.9	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	13.2	13.3	12.9	- 0.1	+ 0.3
GOVERNMENT	11.6	12.2	11.6	- 0.6	0
Federal	0.7	0.7	0.6	0	+ 0.1
State and Local	10.9	11.5	11.0	- 0.6	- 0.1
State	4.7	5.3	4.5	- 0.6	+ 0.2
Local	6.2	6.2	6.5	0	- 0.3

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Monroe MSA was estimated at 58,200, a decrease of 1,000 from the December, 1990 revised level. Compared to last year, non-farm employment in the MSA increased by 700.

In goods producing, manufacturing lost 100 employees in the durable goods sector.

Losses in service producing employment was lead by government, reflecting the semester break at educational institutions. Retail trade decreased by 200, the result of the end of the holiday season. Services was down by 100. The only employment gain was in finance, insurance, and real estate.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Jan. 1991*	Dec. 1990**	Jan. 1990**	Net Change From Dec. 1990	Net Change From Jan. 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	538.3	544.8	524.7	- 6.5	+13.6
GOODS PRODUCING	82.9	84.0	78.7	- 1.1	+ 4.2
MINING	14.1	14.0	13.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Oil & Gas Extraction	13.7	13.6	13.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
CONSTRUCTION	23.7	23.9	21.5	- 0.2	+ 2.2
MANUFACTURING	45.1	46.1	43.5	- 1.0	+ 1.6
Durable Goods	24.1	24.5	23.3	- 0.4	+ 0.8
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.4	1.4	1.4	0	0
Fabricated Metal Products	2.3	2.3	2.2	0	+ 0.1
Machinery Inc. Electrical	3.4	3.4	3.2	0	+ 0.2
Transportation Equipment	14.6	15.0	14.1	- 0.4	+ 0.5
Ship & Boatbuilding & Repairing	11.1	11.5	10.5	- 0.4	+ 0.6
Other Durable Goods	1.9	1.9	1.9	0	0
Nondurable Goods	21.0	21.6	20.2	- 0.6	+ 0.8
Food & Kindred Products	5.4	6.0	5.4	- 0.6	0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.9	1.9	1.9	0	0
Printing & Publishing	3.8	3.8	3.5	0	+ 0.3
Chemicals and Allied Products	5.1	5.1	4.9	0	+ 0.2
Petroleum & Coal Products	3.7	3.7	3.4	0	+ 0.3
Other Nondurable Goods	1.1	1.1	1.1	0	0
SERVICE PRODUCING	455.4	460.8	446.0	- 5.4	+ 9.4
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	44.1	43.9	43.4	+ 0.2	+ 0.7
Railroad Transportation	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
Trucking and Warehousing	8.3	8.1	8.0	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
Water Transportation	13.5	13.4	13.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Comm. & Public Util.	13.0	13.0	13.0	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	134.5	137.8	132.1	- 3.3	+ 2.4
Wholesale Trade	30.8	31.3	30.7	- 0.5	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	17.5	17.7	17.4	- 0.2	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	13.3	13.6	13.3	- 0.3	0
Retail Trade	103.7	106.5	101.4	- 2.8	+ 2.3
General Merchandise	13.1	14.1	13.2	- 1.0	- 0.1
Food Stores	20.7	20.5	19.7	+ 0.2	+ 1.0
Eating & Drinking Places	35.9	36.3	35.0	- 0.4	+ 0.9
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	31.1	31.3	31.6	- 0.2	- 0.5
Banking	10.2	10.3	10.3	- 0.1	- 0.1
SERVICES	155.7	157.4	150.3	- 1.7	+ 5.4
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	14.5	14.8	14.2	- 0.3	+ 0.3
Health Services	41.0	41.2	39.9	- 0.2	+ 1.1
Educational Services	18.7	18.5	17.7	+ 0.2	+ 1.0
GOVERNMENT	90.0	90.4	88.6	- 0.4	+ 1.4
Federal	16.1	16.4	16.0	- 0.3	+ 0.1
State and Local	73.9	74.0	72.6	- 0.1	+ 1.3
State	20.0	19.9	19.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Local	53.9	54.1	53.0	- 0.2	+ 0.9

NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the New Orleans MSA for January decreased to 538,300, a level 6,500 below December. Seasonal losses in most industry divisions were mainly responsible. Nonagricultural employment was up 13,600 from January, 1990, with increases in most industry divisions.

Goods producing employment decreased to 82,900, down 1,100 from December, but was 4,200 above the January, 1990 figure. Mining moved up. Construction experienced moderate seasonal decreases. Manufacturing was down from the previous month. Ship and boat building and repairing declined due to less business. Food and kindred products was down due to seasonal factors.

Service producing employment dropped 5,400 from the previous month. Substantial seasonal decreases in trade and services comprised the majority of the losses. Transportation, communications, and public utilities advanced slightly. Finance, insurance, and real estate moved down. Government lost workers mostly in federal government as census jobs were completed.

Production workers in the area earned an average of $471.23 per week, up $3.24 from last month's average. Average weekly hours were 42.8, up 0.1 hours from the previous month. Average hourly earnings were $11.01, up five cents from December, and up three cents over January of last year.

Estimated unemployment was 31,100 for January. The unemployment rate registered 5.4 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment benefits totaled 6,784.

SHREVEPORT AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Jan. 1991*	Dec. 1990**	Jan. 1990**	Net Change From Dec. 1990	Net Change From Jan. 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	133.1	134.0	127.6	- 0.9	+ 5.5
GOODS PRODUCING	26.5	27.2	24.0	- 0.7	+ 2.5
MINING	3.1	3.2	3.1	- 0.1	0
CONSTRUCTION	5.8	6.1	5.4	- 0.3	+ 0.4
MANUFACTURING	17.6	17.9	15.5	- 0.3	+ 2.1
Durable Goods	12.2	12.4	10.1	- 0.2	+ 2.1
Lumber and Wood Products	0.4	0.5	0.4	- 0.1	0
Primary and Fabricated Metals	2.0	2.0	1.8	0	+ 0.2
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	5.1	5.1	5.2	0	- 0.1
Other Durable Goods	4.7	4.8	2.7	- 0.1	+ 2.0
Nondurable Good	5.4	5.5	5.4	- 0.1	0
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	1.3	1.4	1.4	- 0.1	- 0.1
Chemicals & Petroleum Products	1.6	1.6	1.5	0	+ 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.7	0	+ 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	106.6	106.8	103.6	- 0.2	+ 3.0
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	8.0	8.1	7.9	- 0.1	+ 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	32.5	32.9	31.4	- 0.4	+ 1.1
Wholesale Trade	7.9	7.9	7.8	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	24.6	25.0	23.6	- 0.4	+ 1.0
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	6.3	6.3	6.2	0	+ 0.1
SERVICES	32.9	32.7	31.7	+ 0.2	+ 1.2
GOVERNMENT	26.9	26.8	26.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Federal	5.0	5.0	5.0	0	0
State and Local	21.9	21.8	21.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
State	6.7	6.7	6.7	0	0
Local	15.2	15.1	14.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.5

SHREVEPORT AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment in the Shreveport MSA during January, 1991, estimated at 133,100, decreased from an estimated 134,000 in December, but reflected a significant increase from the year-ago estimate of 127,600.

Goods producing employment, estimated at 26,500, fell below the December total of 27,200, yet remained above the January, 1990 estimate of 24,000. Job losses in construction from December to January were caused by adverse weather conditions. Mining employment showed an over-the-month drop from 3,200 to 3,100. Total manufacturing employment decreased to 17,600, down from 17,900 in December with job losses occurring in both durable and nondurable goods production.

Service producing employment dropped to 106,600, down 200 from the December revised estimate. A seasonal job loss in retail trade reflects most of the December to January employment decline. Transportation, communications, and public utilities employment dropped 100 during the past month. Services employment increased to 32,900 up from 32,700 in December. Government employment rose 100 from the December revised estimate.

An estimated 13,200 manufacturing production workers in the Shreveport area had average weekly earnings of $551.24, down from $568.58 in December. Average weekly hours increased slightly to 42.6, increasing 0.2 hours during the past month. Average hourly earnings decreased to $12.94, down $0.47 from the previous month.

The Shreveport area had a civilian labor force in January estimated at 152,600, including 141,700 employed and 10,900 unemployed. The unemployment rate for this area was 7.2 percent, the unemployment rate for this area averaged 7.0 percent for November, December, and January and 7.7 percent for the same three months one year ago.

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